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02/04/2011

RICK PIVOVAR
DISTRICT MANAGER
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

SUBJECT: Authority to Conduct Investigation

I request your authorization to investigate a possible change in postal services for the office in the Kansas 4th congressional district.

Post Office Name:	FREEPORT
Zip+4 Code:	67049-9998
EAS Level:	53
Finance Number:	193256
County:	Harper
Proposed Admin Office:	ARGONIA PO
ADMIN Miles Away:	10.0
Near Office Name:	ARGONIA PO
Near Miles Away:	10.0
Number of Customers:	
Post Office Box:	8
General Delivery:	0
Rural Route (RR):	0
Highway Contract Route (HCR):	0
Intermediate RR:	23
Intermediate HCR:	0
City Delivery:	0
Total Customers:	31
ZIP Code Change:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ZIP Code

The above office became vacant when the postmaster resigned on 02/01/2006.

The Postmaster position is vacant. The office has realized a decline in workload and customer demand the last three years.

MIKE MONNINGTON
Manager, Post Office Operations

Approval to Study for Discontinuance:

RICK PIVOVAR
DISTRICT MANAGER
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

02/04/2011

DATE

cc: Area Manager, Public Affairs and Communication



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NOTICE OF POST OFFICE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

A. Office

Name: FREEPORT State: KS Zip Code: 67049
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 4th County: Harper
EAS Grade: 53 Finance Number: 193256
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

- There was no Emergency Suspension for this office

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 05/10/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406



NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS/DISTRICT PERSONNEL OF SUSPENSION

A. Office

Name: FREEPORT State: KS Zip Code: 67049
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 4th County: Harper
EAS Grade: 53 Finance Number: 193256
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

There was no Emergency Suspension for this office

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Post Office™ Locations near 67049



1 **Post Office™**
Location -
FREEPORT
102 W MAIN ST
FREEPORT, KS
67049-9998
(800) ASK-USPS
(800) 275-8777
(620) 962-5212

0.0 mi

Business Hours
Mon-Sat
8:30am-10:30am
Sun
closed

Services
[PO Boxes Online](#)

Service hours may vary. Please
check link for business hours.

2 **Post Office™**
Location -
DANVILLE
104 RYAN AVE
DANVILLE, KS 67036-
8739
(800) ASK-USPS
(800) 275-8777
(620) 962-5483

7.0 mi

Business Hours
Mon-Fri
8:30am-12:45pm
Sat
9:30am-10:45am
Sun
closed

Services
[PO Boxes Online](#)

Service hours may vary. Please
check link for business hours.

3 **Post Office™**
Location -
ARGONIA
111 S MAIN ST
ARGONIA, KS 67004-
9998
(800) ASK-USPS
(800) 275-8777
(620) 435-6872

7.2 mi

Business Hours
Mon-Fri
8:00am-12:30pm
1:30pm-4:00pm
Sat
8:30am-10:00am
Sun
closed

Services
[PO Boxes Online](#)

Service hours may vary. Please
check link for business hours.

Business Hours**Services**



Eviction Notice

A. Office

Name: FREEPORT State: KS Zip Code: 67049
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 4th County: Harper
EAS Grade: 53 Finance Number: 193256
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

There was no eviction notice for this office

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 05/10/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406



Building Inspection Report

A. Office

Name: FREEPORT State: KS Zip Code: 67049
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 4th County: Harper
EAS Grade: 53 Finance Number: 193256
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

- There was no building inspection report nor photos for this office

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 05/10/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406

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US POST OFFICE
FREEPORT KS
67049



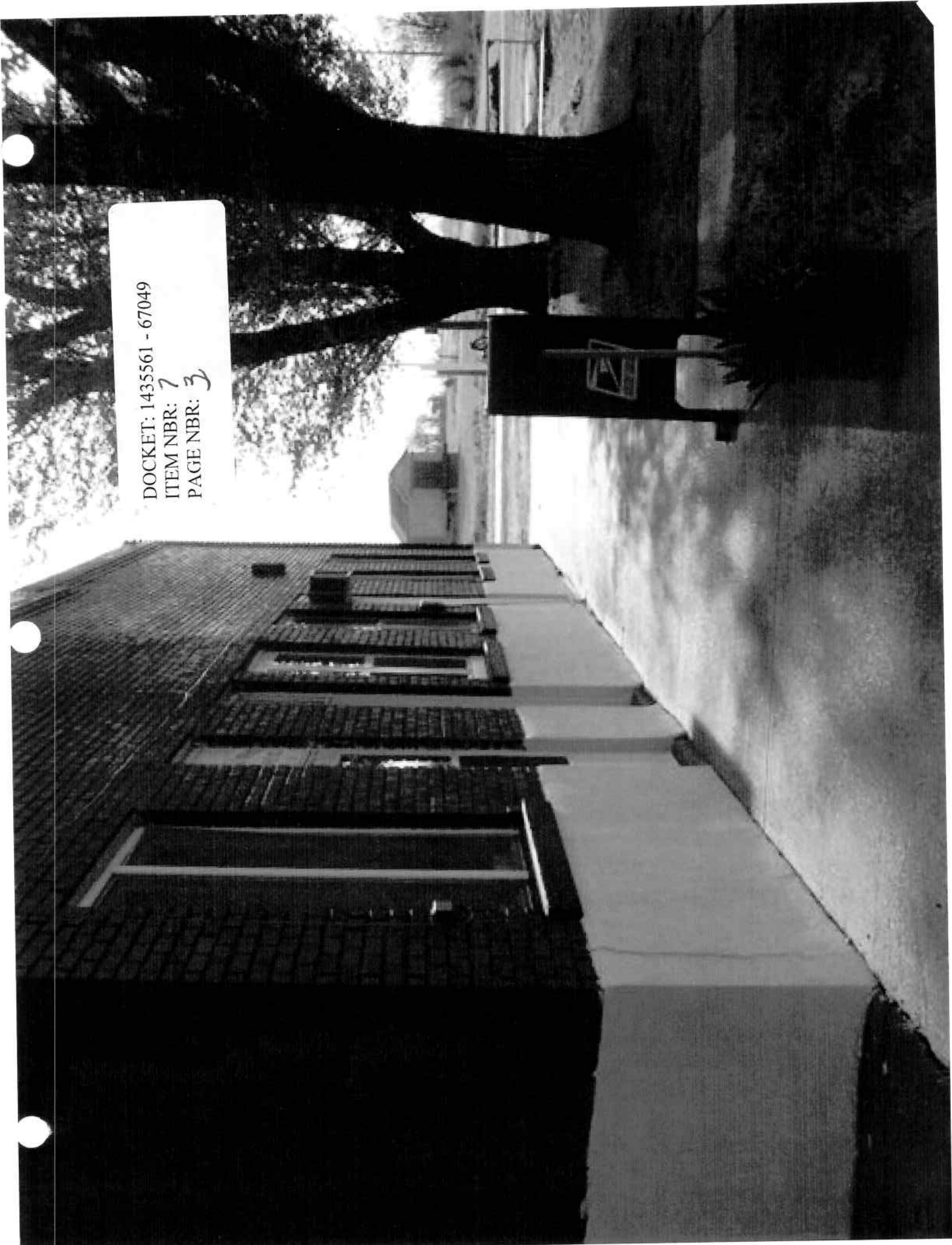
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PARCEL POST
MONEY ORDERS

P.O. BOX
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AVAILABLE
9:00 AM
DAILY

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Shipping Services Pricing

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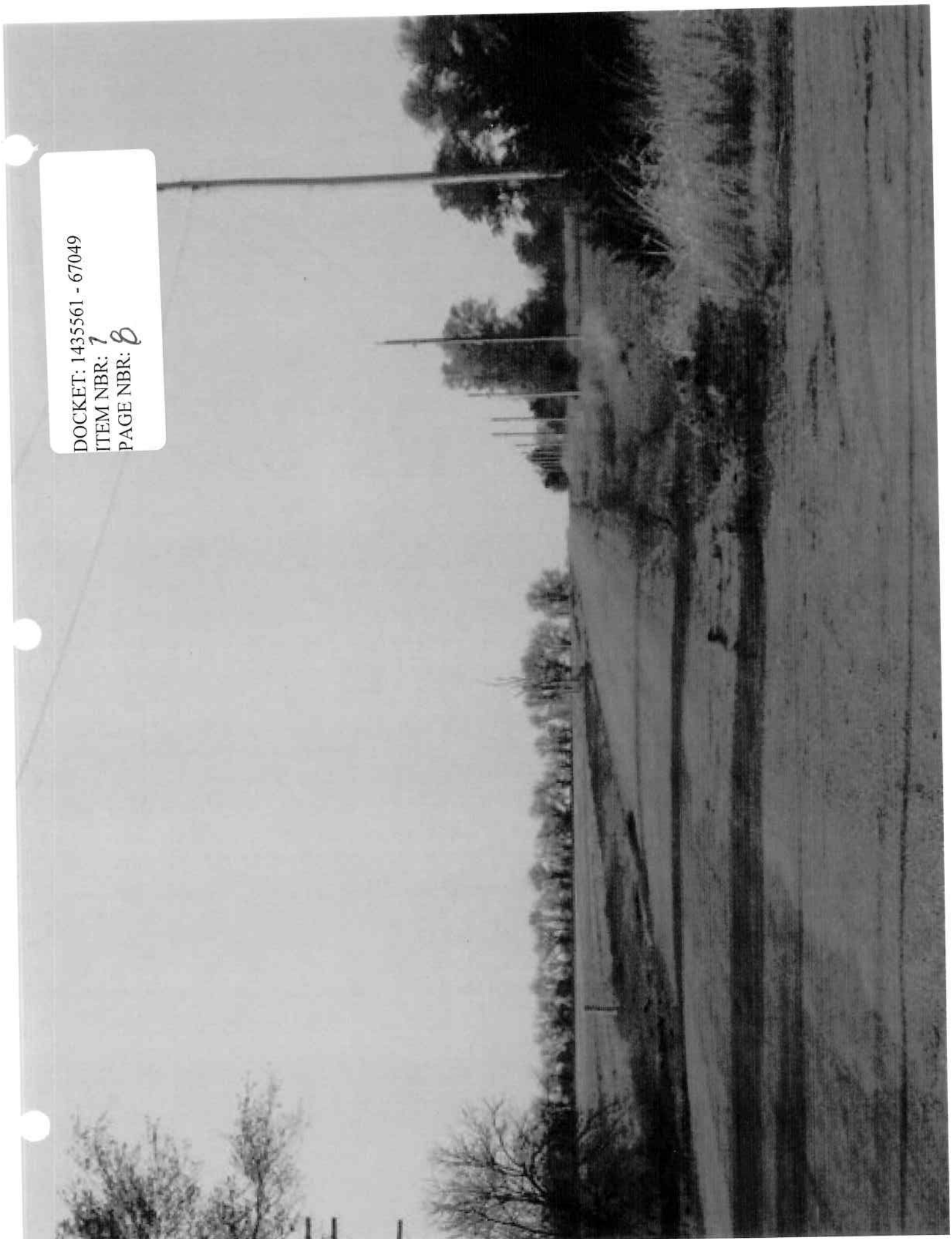
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PS Form 150, Postmaster Workload Information

Post Office, State & Zip Code FREEPORT, KS 67049		Postmaster's Signature Leann Tvrdy	Date 03/18/2011
District Office, State & Zip Code CENTRAL PLAINS PFC, NE 68119		District Manager's Signature Rick Pivovar	Date 03/18/2011
(Check Box)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacancy <input type="checkbox"/> Management Review <input type="checkbox"/> RFR		See Instructions on Reverse	
1.	Current Office Level		53
2.	Finance Number	(1-6)	193256
3.	General Delivery Families Served	(7-9)	0
4.	Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented	(10-15)	8
5.	Possible City Deliveries	(16-20)	0
6.	Administrative Rural Boxes Served	(21-25)	0
7.	Intermediate Rural Boxes Served	(26-30)	23
8.	Administrative Responsibility form Intermediate Rural Boxes for Other Offices	(31-35)	0
9.	Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	(36-39)	0
10.	Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	(40-43)	0
11.	Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes for Other Offices	(44-47)	0
12.	Number of Carrier Stations/Branches	(48-49)	0
13.	Number of Finance Stations/Branches	(50-51)	0
14.	Number of Contract Stations/Branches & Community Post Offices	(52-53)	0
15a.	Does Office Experience A Seasonal Workload? (box one "Y" of yes, "N" for no) (If you answer "yes" of this question, complete 'Seasonal Workload' section on reverse.)	(54)	N
15b.	Duration of Experience A Seasonal Workload? (minimum of 8 weeks)	(55-56)	0
16.	Does Office Perform Outgoing Distribution for Other Offices?	(57)	N
17.	Does Office Perform Incoming Distribution for Other Offices?	(58)	N
18.	Does Office Perform Incoming Secondary Distribution for Other Offices?	(59)	N
19.	Do You Separate All Incoming Letter Size Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Your Own Office?	(60)	N
20.	Do You Separate All Incoming Flat Size Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Your Own Office?	(61)	Y
21.	Do You Have Responsibility for Vehicle Maintenance Facilities?	(62)	N
22.	Does Your Office Have Administrative Responsibility for an Air Transfer Office?	(63)	N
23.	Is Postmaster Lessor for Government Owned Building?	(64)	N
24.	Does Office Have MPLSM/SPLSM?	(65)	N
25.	Does Office Distribute Food Stamps?	(65)	N

PS Form 150, Postmaster Workload Information

	Normal	During Seasonal Period
General Delivery Families Served	0	0
Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented	8	0
Possible City Deliveries	0	0
Administrative Rural Boxes Served	0	0
Intermediate Rural Boxes Served	23	0
Administrative Responsibility/Number Intermediate Rural Boxes	0	0
Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	0	0
Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	0	0
Administrative Responsibility/Number Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes	0	0

Instructions

- Enter current evaluated office level.
- Enter the 6 digit post office finance number.
- Enter number of general delivery families served.
- Enter total number of post office boxes and call boxes rented. Do not confuse with the total number available. This total should include boxes rented at classified stations/branches as well as the main office including GPO's.
- Enter total possible city deliveries. The total reported should equal the total possible deliveries shown on Form 1621, *Carrier Route Report* for the previous accounting period.
- Enter the number of administrative boxes served. This is the number of rural route boxes served, within your ZIP Code ONLY by carriers administratively reporting to you. Do not include boxes on the routes which are in the ZIP Code of an intermediate office.
- Enter the number of intermediate rural boxes served. This is the number of rural boxes, within your ZIP Code, served by a carrier administratively reporting to another postmaster. For credit, the mail must be incoming to your office and separated to the routes within your ZIP Code by you or your employees prior to carrier sequencing.
- Enter the number of intermediate rural boxes for which you are administratively responsible. This is the number of boxes served by a carrier administratively responsible to you, but which are located in the ZIP Code for another office.
- Enter the number of administrative highway contract star route boxes served. This is the total number of star route boxes served within your ZIP Code ONLY by a contractor for whom you have administrative responsibility. Do not include boxes on the routes which are in the same ZIP Code of an intermediate office.
- Enter the number of intermediate highway contract star route boxes served. This is the total number of star route boxes served within your ZIP Code ONLY by a contractor who administratively reports to another Postmaster. For credit the mail must be incoming to your office and separated to the contract route by you or your employees.
- Enter the number of intermediate highway contract star route boxes for which you are administratively responsible. This is the number of boxes served by a contractor for whom you are administratively responsible and which are located in the ZIP Code of another office.
- Enter the number of classified stations and/or branches that have carrier delivery service.
- Enter the number of classified finance stations and/or branches (without carrier delivery service) staffed by postal employees.
- Enter the total number of contract stations, rural stations and community post offices.
 - A contract station is a detached finance unit manned by non-postal employees.
 - A rural station is a post office box delivery unit serviced by a rural carrier.
 - A community post office is a contract unit which provides service in a small community.
- To receive credit for a seasonal workload increase the items shown on the seasonal workload portion of the form must show a 25% increase and must last for a minimum of 8 weeks. The Christmas Season is not to be considered as a seasonal workload increase. Should your office have a seasonal workload increase you should enter the exact number of weeks the season lasts and complete the seasonal workload portion of the form in its entirety.

Questions 16 Thru 25 Should Be Answered Y (Yes) or N (No)

- Does office separate massed outgoing mail originating in other associate offices to three digit ZIP CODE designating offices and/or area distribution centers and demonstrate a culling, facing and cancelling operation?
- Does office separate massed three digit sorted incoming mail to a five digit sort for other associate offices?
- Does office separate incoming mail to carrier routes for other associate offices?
- Does office separate all incoming letter size mail to city, rural and/or star routes?
- Does office separate all incoming flats to city and/or rural carrier routes without assistance from an MPC?
- Do you have a vehicle maintenance facility under your jurisdiction?
- Do you have an air transfer office under your jurisdiction?
- Do you occupy a government-owned building and lease a portion of the building to someone else?
- Does your office operate a Multiple Position Letter Sorting Machine (MPLSM) or Single Position Letter Sorting Machine (SPLSM)?
- Does your office distribute food stamps?

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Post Office, State & Zip Code FREEPORT, KS 67049		Postmaster's Signature <i>Ray & Ball</i>	Date 3-11-11
District Office, State & Zip Code CENTRAL PLAINS PFC, NE 68119		District Manager's Signature	Date
(Check Box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacancy <input type="checkbox"/> Management Review <input type="checkbox"/> RFR		See Instructions on Reverse	
1.	Current Office Level		54
2.	Finance Number	(1-6)	193256
3.	General Delivery Families Served	(7-9)	0
4.	Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented	(10-15)	8
5.	Possible City Deliveries	(16-20)	0
6.	Administrative Rural Boxes Served	(21-25)	0
7.	Intermediate Rural Boxes Served	(26-30)	x 23
8.	Administrative Responsibility form Intermediate Rural Boxes for Other Offices	(31-35)	0
9.	Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	(36-39)	0
10.	Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	(40-43)	0
11.	Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes for Other Offices	(44-47)	0
12.	Number of Carrier Stations/Branches	(48-49)	0
13.	Number of Finance Stations/Branches	(50-51)	0
14.	Number of Contract Stations/Branches & Community Post Offices	(52-53)	0
15a.	Does Office Experience A Seasonal Workload? (box one "Y" of yes, "N" for no) (If you answer "yes" of this question, complete 'Seasonal Workload' section on reverse.)	(54)	N
15b.	Duration of Experience A Seasonal Workload? (minimum or 8 weeks)	(55-56)	
16.	Does Office Perform Outgoing Distribution for Other Offices?	(57)	N
17.	Does Office Perform Incoming Distribution for Other Offices?	(58)	N
18.	Does Office Perform Incoming Secondary Distribution for Other Offices?	(59)	N
19.	Do You Separate All Incoming Letter Size Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Your Own Office?	(60)	x Y
20.	Do You Separate All Incoming Flat Size Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Your Own Office?	(61)	x Y
21.	Do You Have Responsibility for Vehicle Maintenance Facilities?	(62)	N
22.	Does Your Office Have Administrative Responsibility for an Air Transfer Office?	(63)	N
23.	Is Postmaster Lessor for Government Owned Building?	(64)	N
24.	Does Office Have MPLSM/SPLSM?	(65)	N
25.	Does Office Distribute Food Stamps?	(65)	N

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General Delivery Families Served	0	0
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Possible City Deliveries	0	0
Administrative Rural Boxes Served	0	0
Intermediate Rural Boxes Served	23 ✓	0
Administrative Responsibility/Number Intermediate Rural Boxes	23 ✓	0
Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	0	0
Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	0	0
Administrative Responsibility/Number Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes	0	0

Instructions

- Enter current evaluated office level.
- Enter the 6 digit post office finance number.
- Enter number of general delivery families served.
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- Enter the number of intermediate highway contract star route boxes served. This is the total number of star route boxes served within your ZIP Code ONLY by a contractor who administratively reports to another Postmaster. For credit the mail must be incoming to your office and separated to the contract route by you or your employees.
- Enter the number of intermediate highway contract star route boxes for which you are administratively responsible. This is the number of boxes served by a contractor for whom you are administratively responsible and which are located in the ZIP Code of another office.
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- Does office separate massed three digit sorted incoming mail to a five digit sort for other associate offices?
- Does office separate incoming mail to carrier routes for other associate offices?
- Does office separate all incoming letter size mail to city, rural and/or star routes?
- Does office separate all incoming flats to city and/or rural carrier routes without assistance from an MPC?
- Do you have a vehicle maintenance facility under your jurisdiction?
- Do you have an air transfer office under your jurisdiction?
- Do you occupy a government-owned building and lease a portion of the building to someone else?
- Does your office operate a Multiple Position Letter Sorting Machine (MPLSM) or Single Position Letter Sorting Machine (SPLSM)?
- Does your office distribute food stamps?

Worksheet for calculating Workload Service Credit (WSC) for Post Offices

Worksheet for calculating Workload Service Credit (WSC) for Post Offices

Office Name: FREEPORT
Office Zip+4: 67049 -9998 District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

Activity WSCs

General Delivery Families Served (Item 3, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>0</u>
Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented (Item 4, PS Form 150)	<u>8</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>8</u>
Possible City Deliveries (Item 5, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 1.33	=	<u>0</u>
Administrative Rural Boxes Served (Item 6, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>0</u>
Intermediate Rural Boxes Served (Item 7, PS Form 150)	<u>23</u>	X 0.7	=	<u>16</u>
Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Rural Boxes for Other Offices (Item 8, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 0.3	=	<u>0</u>
Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served (Item 9, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>0</u>
Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served (Item 10, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 0.7	=	<u>0</u>
Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes for Other Offices (Item 11, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 0.3	=	<u>0</u>
Total Activity WSCs				<u>24</u>

Revenue WSCs

First	25 revenue units: 1.00	X	<u>16</u> units	=	<u>16.00</u>
Next	275 revenue units: 0.50	X	<u>0</u> units	=	<u>0.00</u>
Next	700 revenue units: 0.25	X	<u>0</u> units	=	<u>0.00</u>
Next	5000 revenue units: 0.10	X	<u>0</u> units	=	<u>0.00</u>
	Balance of revenue units: 0.01	X	<u>0</u> units	=	<u>0.00</u>
					<u>16.00</u>
Total revenue WSCs:					

Activity WSCs 24 + Revenue WSCs = 16.00 Base WSCs 40.00 = EAS Grade A

Previous evaluation: EAS grade 53

Effective date of change in service hours: _____ (if appropriate)
(when a vacancy exists, hours must reflect the appropriate EAS grade)

Worksheet completed by:

LEANN TVRDY

LEANN.K.TVRDY@USPS.GOV

Printed Name

Signature

CENTRAL PLAINS PFC District Review Coordinator

03/14/2011

Title

Date

NUMBER	FACTOR	TOTAL
1 CURRENT POSTMASTER LEVEL		
2 FINANCE NUMBER		
3 NO. GENERAL DELIVERY BOXES SERVED	8	X 1.00 0
4 NO. POST OFFICE BOXES/CALL BOXES SERVED	0	X 1.33 0
5 NO. POSSIBLE CITY DELIVERIES	0	X 1.00 0
6 NO. ADMINISTRATIVE RURAL ROUTES BOXES SERVED	23	X 0.70 16
7 NO. INTERMEDIATE RURAL BOXES SERVED	0	X 0.30 0
8 NO. ADMIN RESP INTERM RURAL BOXES OTHER OFC	0	X 1.00 0
9 NO. ADMINISTRATIVE HCR BOXES SERVED	0	X 0.70 0
10 NO. INTERMEDIATE HCR BOXES SERVED	0	X 0.30 0
11 NO. ADMIN RESP FOR INTERM HCR BOXES FOR OTHER OFFICES	0	X 3 0
12 NO. CARRIER STATION/BRANCHES	0	X 2 0
13 NO. FINANCE STATION/BRANCHES (without carrier delivery service)	0	X 1 0
14 NO. CONTRACT STATIONS/BRANCHES & COMMUNITY POST OFFICES	0	X 1 0
15 MAIL PROCESSING CENTER? (If Yes, fill in 2 tabs - Primary or/and Secondary)	N	
16 SEPARATE ALL INCOMING LETTER SIZE MAIL (DPS, 876, etc., ANSWER "N")	N	
17 SEPARATE ALL INCOMING FLAT SIZE MAIL (Carrier Routed from FSM - answer "N")	Y	
18 RESPONSIBLE FOR VMF? (Y or N)	N	
19 ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AMF/ATC? (Y or N)	N	
20 LESSOR FOR GOVERNMENT OWNED BUILDING? (Y or N)	N	
21 AUTOMATION /OFFICE HAS MPLSM/SPLSM? (Y or N)	N	
22 DISTRIBUTE FOOD STAMPS? (Y or N)	N	
23 SEASONAL WORKLOAD INCREASE? (Y or N) (If Yes, complete 'Seasonal' tab)		
24 SEASONAL WORKLOAD DURATION (Number of weeks)		
TOTAL EXCEPTION CREDITS (12+13+14+18+19+20+21+22): 0		
PS 150 Worksheet COMPLETED BY: Phone No.: APPROVED BY: Phone No.: Job Title: PRINT DATE: 3/17/2011		

Notes:
Offices that are either below or above the Zone of Tolerance range are immediately graded accordingly.

Other Tabs must be completed for the following:
Seasonal Workload ~ For Seasonal credit, complete 'Seasonal' tab.
Outgoing/Incoming Primary Distribution ~ Requirements for credit are covered in the tab.
Incoming Secondary Distribution ~ Requirements for credit are covered in the tab.
Split City Delivery ~ See Split City Delivery tab for requirements, and complete it.
Yellow shaded cells require manual input

For ZOT Review ~ Insert additional WSC Worksheet TABS for each year to demonstrate office has remained in ZOT for two consecutive years. This will require 3 150's. Start of first year, end of first and end of second years.

NUMBER		FACTOR	TOTAL
1		PTPM-53	
2		19-3256	
3		8	X 1.00 0
4		0	X 1.33 0
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Window Transaction Survey

Window Transaction Survey

PO Name: FREEPORT

ZIP+4:

67049 - 9998

Completed By:

RON REILLY

Survey Period:

02/26/2011

through

03/11/2011

Record the number of retail window transactions in the appropriate columns for each day. Consider a sale of stamps as one transaction. A sale of stamps and a money order is two transactions. Do not record the handing out over the counter of box mail, general delivery mail, or carrier mail. Instead of this worksheet, you may use PS Form 2007-A, Window Transaction Record; PS Form 2007-B, Window Transaction Conversion; and PS Form 2007-C, Window Transaction Survey. To obtain the average daily number of transactions, divide the total number of transactions during the survey period by the number of days in the survey. The allowable time per transaction is shown in each column in minutes. To determine the average daily workload in minutes, multiply the number of transactions in each column by the time conversion for that column, total the time conversions for all columns, and divide the total number of minutes by the number of days in the survey period.

Day/Date	Postage Sales (.777)	Priority Parcels Money Orders (1.083)	Express Registered C.O.D (1.969)	Passports Meter Settings (5.06)	Box Rent (2.875)	Certified Insured Special Service (1.792)	Misc. Services (1.787)	Nonrevenue Services (1.188)
Sat - 02/26	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Sun - 02/27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 02/28	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Tue - 03/01	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Wed - 03/02	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Thu - 03/03	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Fri - 03/04	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Sat - 03/05	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Sun - 03/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/07	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tue - 03/08	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Wed - 03/09	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Thu - 03/10	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fri - 03/11	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	24	4	16	0	0	0	0	18
Time Factor	X .777	X 1.083	X 1.969	X 5.06	X 2.875	X 1.792	X 1.787	X 1.188
Daily Average	1.7	0.4	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
Average Number Daily Transactions:								
5.6								
Average Daily Retail Workload in Minutes:								
6.9								

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Window Transaction Survey

Window Transaction Survey

PO Name: FREEPORT KS ZIP+4: 67049-9998 Completed by: Ang Ball oic
(Signature and Title)

Survey Period: 2/26/11 Through: 3/11/11

Record the number of retail window transactions in the appropriate columns for each day. Consider a sale of stamps as one transaction. A sale of stamps and a money order is two transactions. Do not record the handling out over the counter of box mail, general delivery mail, or carrier mail. Instead of this worksheet, you may use PS Form 2007-A, Window Transaction Record; PS Form 2007-B, Window Transaction Conversion; and PS Form 2007-C, Window Transaction Survey. Use hash marks (///) for daily entries in the columns. To obtain the average daily number of transactions, divide the total number of transactions during the survey period by the number of days in the survey. The allowable time per transaction is shown in each column in minutes. To determine the average daily workload in minutes, multiply the number of transactions in each column by the time conversion for that column, total the time conversions for all columns, and divide the total number of minutes by the number of days in the survey period.

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Saturday	11		11					1
Monday	11	1	1					11
Tuesday		1	1					11
Wednesday	11	1	1					11
Thursday	1		1					11
Friday	11		1					11
Saturday	1		1					11
Monday	11		1					1
Tuesday	11		1					1
Wednesday	11		1					1
Thursday	11		1					1
Friday	11	1	1					1
Total Transactions								
Time Factor	x .777	x 1.083	x 1.969	x 5.06	x 2.875	x 1.792	x 1.787	x 1.188
Total Minutes								

Average Number Daily Transactions: _____ Average Daily Retail Workload in Minutes: _____

Survey of Incoming Mail

Survey of Incoming Mail
(Record in Pieces)

Post Office Name and Zip+4 FREEPORT 67049 - 9998
Dates Recorded 02/26/2011 through 03/11/2011

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard		
Sat - 02/26	50	11	38	7	0	0	2	1
Sun - 02/27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 02/28	83	76	36	91	5	2	2	3
Tue - 03/01	53	35	43	28	0	0	0	1
Wed - 03/02	108	47	49	25	5	2	1	0
Thu - 03/03	74	24	15	14	2	1	0	0
Fri - 03/04	90	31	35	50	1	0	0	0
Sat - 03/05	46	15	28	12	2	3	2	0
Sun - 03/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/07	80	23	44	60	3	3	2	2
Tue - 03/08	56	74	19	11	0	0	0	0
Wed - 03/09	51	63	69	34	1	1	1	0
Thu - 03/10	38	33	27	20	1	1	0	0
Fri - 03/11	59	64	47	41	2	2	0	2
TOTALS	788	496	450	393	22	15	10	9
Daily Average	65.7	41.3	37.5	32.8	1.8	1.3	0.8	0.8

Signature of Person Making Count: RON REILLY
Printed Name: RON REILLY
Date: 03/14/11

Conversion Rate

Letter Type	Total Pieces Per Foot	Flat Type	Total Pieces Per Foot
Manual Letters	227	Manual Flats	115
Automated Letters	215	Automated Flats	115
Sequenced Letters	227	Sequenced Flats	115

Conversion rates are subject to periodic updates which will be published and disseminated when applicable.

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Survey of Incoming Mail

Survey of Incoming Mail
(Record in Pieces)

Post Office Name and ZIP+4: FREEPORT KS 67049-9998

Dates Recorded: 2/26/11 through 3/11/11

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other <i>SPURS</i>	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard	1 st	STANDARD
Saturday	50	11	38	7			2	1
Monday	83	76	36	91	5	2	2	3
Tuesday	53	35	43	28				1
Wednesday	108	47	49	25	5	2	1	
Thursday	74	24	15	14	2	1		
Friday	90	31	35	50	1			
Saturday	46	15	28	12	2	3	2	
Monday	80	23	44	60	3	3	2	2
Tuesday	56	74	19	11				
Wednesday	51	63	69	34	1	1	1	
Thursday	38	33	27	20	1	1		
Friday	59	64	47	41	2	2		2
TOTALS	788	496	448	393	22	15	10	9
Daily Average	66	41	37	33	2	1.25	1	1

Signature of Person Making Count: *Terry L Ball*

Printed Name: TERRY L BALL

Title: OIC

Conversion Rate

Letter Type	Total Pieces Per Foot	Flat Type	Total Pieces Per Foot
Manual Letters	227	Manual Flats	115
Automated Letters	215	Automated Flats	115
Sequenced Letters	227	Sequenced Flats	115

Note: Conversion rates are subject to periodic updates which will be published and disseminated when applicable.

Survey of Dispatched Mail

Survey of Dispatched Mail
(Record in Pieces)

Post Office Name and Zip+4

FREEPORT 67049 - 9998

Dates Recorded

02/26/2011 through 03/11/2011

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard		
Sat - 02/26	16	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sun - 02/27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 02/28	15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Tue - 03/01	9	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Wed - 03/02	12	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Thu - 03/03	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Fri - 03/04	13	0	3	0	1	0	1	0
Sat - 03/05	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sun - 03/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/07	16	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Tue - 03/08	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wed - 03/09	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Thu - 03/10	15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Fri - 03/11	17	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
TOTALS	136	0	11	0	4	0	12	0
Daily Average	11.3	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0

Signature of Person Making Count:

RON REILLY

Printed Name:

RON REILLY

Date:

03/14/11

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Survey of Dispatched Mail

Survey of Dispatched Mail
(Record in Pieces)Post Office Name and ZIP+4: FREEPORT KS 67049-9998Dates Recorded: 2/26/11 through 3/11/11

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard		
Saturday	16						1	
Monday	15		1				1	
Tuesday	9		1		1		1	
Wednesday	12		1				1	
Thursday	2		1				1	
Friday	13		3		1		1	
Saturday	1						1	
Monday	16		1		1		1	
Tuesday	8						1	
Wednesday	12						1	
Thursday	15		1				1	
Friday	17		2		1		1	
TOTALS	136		11		4		12	
Daily Average	12						1	

Signature of Person Making Count: Terry L BallPrinted Name: TERRY L BALLTitle: OIC



03/14/2011

OIC/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: FREEPORT Post Office

Please provide the names and addresses of businesses, religious institutions, civic organizations, and local government offices, and schools that are served by the FREEPORT Post Office. The list of businesses should include small, part-time and in-home businesses, as well as public institutions, such as schools, police departments, etc; religious institutions and businesses physically located outside the community that use retail services on a routine basis at the FREEPORT Post Office. Also, please provide the total number of permit mailers and postage meter customers. Indicate in the space below the total number of Post Office box, general, and street delivery customers served by the office. Return all documents to LEANN TVRDY by 03/28/2011. This information will be entered into the official record for public viewing.

Post Office Box	<u>8</u>
General Delivery	<u>0</u>
Rural Route (RR)	<u>0</u>
Highway Contract Route (HCR)	<u>0</u>
Intermediate RR	<u>23</u>
Intermediate HCR	<u>0</u>
City Delivery	<u>0</u>
Total Customers	<u>31</u>

If you have any comments on alternate means of providing services to the FREEPORT customers, please provide them below:

Freeport Presbyterian Church, City of Freeport, Rural Water District #4, Stargazer, Lewelland Inc, Wheatridge Inc, Cody Farms, Greve Farms, Schmidt Farms

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator

Comments:

cc: Official Record



02/24/2011

SUBJECT: Possible Discontinuance of Post Office

The Postal Service is currently conducting an investigation concerning the possible discontinuance of the FREEPORT Post Office, 67049 - 9998, located in Harper County. Please search your records for any recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

Please enter your findings in the yellow blocks below. Once complete please click submit. You can print from above. Signatures are captured electronically.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

NBR records of mail theft or vandalism: 2

Comments/Findings:

cc: Official Record



02/23/2011

*Harper County Sheriff
Harper County Courthouse
Anthony KS 67003*

SUBJECT: Possible Discontinuance of Post Office

The Postal Service is currently conducting an investigation concerning the possible discontinuance of the FREEPORT Post Office, 67049 - 9998, located in Harper County. Please search your records for any recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

Please return your findings in the enclosed envelope. You may use the bottom of this form to report your findings, accompanied by your signature, title, and date.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

Enclosure: Return Envelope

Nbr records of mail theft or vandalism:

0

Comments/Findings:

cc: Official Record

Post Office Survey Sheet

Post Office Name	<u>FREEPORT</u>	ZIP+4	<u>67049-9998</u>
Congressional District	<u>Kansas 4th</u>	Date	<u>03/17/2011</u>

1. List specific information about the facility, such as structural defects, safety hazards, lack of running water or restrooms (if so, where restrooms are available), security, and other deficiencies or factors to consider.
no defects, however 3 businesses including the post office located within the community building and no restroom with the postal rented space
2. Is the facility accessible to persons with disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Lease terms? 30-day cancellation clause? month to month @ \$125.00 - no contract
4. Are suitable alternate quarters available for an independent Post Office? If so, where?
no
5. List potential CPO sites.
n/a
6. Are there any postage meter customers or permit mailers? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, please identify them by name and address.
n/a
7. Which career and noncareer employees will be affected and what accommodations will be made for them?
no employees affected as OIC is a clerk at Anthony KS / rural carrier is intermediate at Argonia KS / no PMR
8. How is mail received and dispatched at the office and at what times? How will this be affected by discontinuance? Will a collection box be retained? Will a locked pouch be utilized?
HCR arrival 0820 and dispatch 1630 / HCR will be eliminated / no collection box retained / no locked pouch as route is intermediate RR2 from Argonia KS serves office as intermediate.

How many Post Office boxes are installed?	<u>80</u>
How many Post Office boxes are used?	<u>8</u>
What are the window service hours?	<u>08:30 - 10:30 M-F</u>
	<u>08:30 - 10:30 S</u>
What are the lobby hours?	<u>08:30 - 16:30 M-F</u>
	<u>08:30 - 16:30 S</u>
9. Have there been recent cases of mail theft or vandalism reported to the postmaster/OIC? Explain.
n/a

Post Office Survey Sheet(continued)

10.	What equipment in the Post Office is not owned by the Postal Service (e.g., Post Office Boxes, furniture, safe)? box section, 2 desks, heat stove, wood cabinet
11.	List potential CBU/parcel lockers sites and distances from present Post Office site. outside on community center
12.	Are there any special customer needs? (People who cannot read or write, who cannot drive, who have infirmities or physical handicaps, etc.) How can these people be accommodated? n/a
13.	<p>Rural delivery/HCR delivery.</p> <p>a. What is current evaluation? 33H</p> <p>b. Will this change result in the route being overburdened? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If so, what accommodations will be made to adjust the route? n/a</p> <p>c. How many boxes and miles will be added to the route? 8, box 0.00 Miles</p> <p>d. What would be the additional annual expense if the route is increased? 1243</p> <p>e. What is the one-time cost of CBU/parcel locker installation (id appropriate)? 0</p> <p>f. At what time of the day does the carrier begin delivery to the community? 11:30</p> <p>Will this delivery time be affected if the office is discontinued? (Y or N) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If so, how? 0</p>
14.	<p>Are the Post Office box fees at the facility that will provide alternative service different from those at the office to be discontinued? If so, how (Cost)? <input type="checkbox"/> More <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Less</p> <p>n/a</p>

Community Survey Sheet

Community Survey Sheet

Post Office Name	<u>FREEPORT</u>	ZIP+4	<u>67049-9998</u>
Congressional District	<u>Kansas 4th</u>	Date	<u>03/11/2011</u>

1. Incorporated?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Local government provided by:

mayor and city council Freeport KS

Police protection provided by:

Harper County Sheriff

Fire protection provided by:

Anthony KS Fire Dept

School location:

Anthony KS Public School

2. What population growth is expected? (Please document your source)

minus .89% via USPS zip code demograhic link

3. What residential, commercial, or business growth is expected? (Please document your source)

n/a

History. (Are there any special historical events related to the community?

Are there any special community events to consider?

4. Is the Post Office facility a state or national historic landmark (see ASM 515.23)?

Check with the field real estate office when verification is needed.)

n/a

5. What is the geographic/economic make-up of the community (e.g., retirees, commuters, self-employed, farmers)?

farm/ag related

Which nonpostal services are provided by the Post Office (e.g., public bulletin board, school bus stop, community meeting location, voting place, government form distribution center.

6. Do employees of the office offer assistance to senior citizens and handicapped)?

What provisions can be made for these services if the Post Office is discontinued?

community bulletin board

Highway Contract Route Cost Analysis Form

Highway Contract Route Estimated Cost for Alternative Service

Office Name: FREEPORT

Office Zip+4: 67049 -9998 District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

1. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the route 0 x 3.64 hours per year 0.00

2. Enter the number of additional miles to be added to the route 0.00 x 10.40 hours per year 0.00

Total time added to the route 0.00

3. Enter the HCR hourly rate (Contact Area Manager, Purchasing/Contracting Officer) 0.00

Total additional compensation (HCR hourly rate x total time added to the route) 0.00

Rural Route Cost Analysis Form

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Rural Route Carrier Estimated Cost for Alternative Replacement Service

Office Name: FREEPORT

Office Zip+4: 67049 -9998

District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

1. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the rural route

8

2. Enter the number of additional miles to be added to the route
Enter the volume factor

0.00

3.25

Total (additional boxes x volume factor) 26.00

3. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the rural route

8

Centralized boxes

0.00

x 1.00 Min

0.00

Regular L route boxes

0.00

x 1.82 Min

0.00

Regular Non-L route boxes

8.00

x 2.00 Min

16.00

Total additional box allowance 16.00

4. Enter the number of additional daily miles to be added to the rural route

0.00

x 12 Mileage Standard

0.00

Total additional minutes per week (miles carried to two decimal places) 42.00

5. Total additional annual minutes (additional minutes per week year)

42.00

x 52 Weeks

2,184.00

6. Total additional annual hours (additional annual minutes/ 60 minutes per hour)

2,184.00

/ 60 Minutes

36.40

7. Enter the rural cost per hour (see national payroll summary report – rural carrier, consolidated)

34.15

Total Annual Cost (additional annual hours x rural cost per hour) 1,243.06

8. Enter lock pouch allowance (if applicable)

0.00

Total annual cost for alternate service (annual cost minus lock pouch allowance) 1,243.06

U.S. Postal Service POST OFFICE CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL Fact Sheet				1. Date Prepared 04/07/2011																								
2. Post Office Name FREEPORT		3. State and ZIP + 4 Code KS, 67049-9998																										
4. District, Customer Service CENTRAL PLAINS PFC	5. Area, Customer Service WESTERN	6. County Harper	7. Congressional District Kansas 4th																									
8. Reason for Proposal to Discontinue The Postmaster position is vacant. The office has realized a decline in workload and customer demand the last three years.		9. PO Emergency Suspend (Reason and Date) No Suspension		10. Proposed Permanent Alternate Service																								
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<input type="checkbox"/> Postal Owned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leased (if Leased, Expiration Date) 12/31/2011 Annual Lease \$ 1500 30-day cancellation clause? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Evicted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (if Yes, must vacate by) Located in: <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Suitable alternate quarters available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No																												
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A. Office

Name: FREEPORT State: KS Zip Code: 67049
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 4th County: Harper
EAS Grade: 53 Finance Number: 193256
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 19. And the verification of new service type is complete.

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 05/10/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406



04/06/11

OIC/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: FREEPORT Post Office

Enclosed are questionnaires addressed to customers of the FREEPORT Post Office. I have also enclosed additional copies of the questionnaires for any retail or other customer who wishes to complete one. Please furnish these questionnaires to retail customers upon request. All completed forms should be forwarded to my office by 04/22/11 for further review.

LeAnn Tvrdy
Post Office Review Coordinator
Enclosures



04/07/2011

POSTAL CUSTOMER
FREEPORT POST OFFICE
FREEPORT, KS 67049

Dear Postal Service Customer:

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way your postal service is provided. The recommended change is tentative and will not lead to a formal proposal unless we conclude that it will provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service.

The Postmaster at the Freeport Post Office resigned on 02/01/2006. The Office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation for the following reasons: The Postmaster position is vacant. The office has realized a decline in workload and customer demand the last three years.

Briefly, we would like to provide pickup and delivery of your mail, as well as the sale of stamps and all other customary postal services, by rural route service emanating from the Argonia Post Office.

We estimate that carrier service would cost the Postal Service substantially less than maintaining the Post Office in your community and still provide regular and effective service. Enclosed is information about some of the services available from the carrier. Retail services are also available at the Argonia Post Office, located 10.0 miles away. Hours of service at this office are 08:00 12:30 -13:30 16:00, Monday through Friday, and 08:30 10:00 on Saturday. Post Office box service is available at this location at the same fees.

I invite you to think about a possible change to rural route service. Please return the enclosed questionnaire by 04/14/2011 using the pre-addressed envelope provided or at the community meeting.

You may, of course, want to discuss this form of service with us before drawing any conclusions. Postal representatives will be at the Freeport City Hall on Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 09:30 am to 11:30 am to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time.

If you have any questions, you may call LeAnn Tvrdy at (402) 930-4431.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Monnington".

MIKE MONNINGTON
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

Enclosures:

Questionnaire and return envelope Summary of Post Office Change Regulations,
Carrier delivery information CBU information sheet (when appropriate)



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the FREEPORT Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing Letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing Parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Pick up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Insured Mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp-collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☐ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☐ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☐ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☐ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:



- If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive
3. Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery service will compare to your current service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☐ Shopping

☐ Personal needs

☐ Banking

☐ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Date:

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



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Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the FREEPORT Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other Postal Services

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- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

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- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- If you previously/currently received carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4.
3. If you previously received Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery or PO Box service will compare to your previous service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

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☐ Shopping

☒ Personal needs

☐ Banking

☐ Employment

☒ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name: Donna, Grave

Address: 324 N. E 100 Ave

Telephone: 620. 962-5457

Date: April 11, 2011

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



05/10/2011

DONNA GREVE
224 N E 100 AVE
FREEPORT, KS 67049

Dear Postal Service Customer:

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Sincerely,

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Mike Monnington
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



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Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

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once in a while

Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

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- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

If yes, please explain:

☒ YES ☐ NOAnthony

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☐ Better

☒ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

only a change in where the mail is sorted

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?



Shopping

Anthony Wichita



Personal needs

" "



Banking

Anthony



Employment



Social needs

" "

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No there are none

Name:

Carl + Diane Schmidt

Address:

968 NE 20 Rd

Telephone:

620-962-5453

Date:

4/11/11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



05/10/2011

CARL & DIANE SCHMIDT

968 NE 20 RD
FREEPORT, KS 67049

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Mike Monnington
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

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5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name: Perry Lee Kinney

Address: 6815 Blackstone RD

Telephone: 620 435 6458

Date: _____

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



05/10/2011

PERRY LEE KINNEY
6815 BLOCKSTONE RD
FREEPORT, KS 67049

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Mike Monnington
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

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If yes, please explain:

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☒ Shopping Anthony Ks

☒ Personal needs Anthony Ks

☒ Banking Anthony Ks

☒ Employment Frequent, Ks

☒ Social needs Everywhere

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

James A. Coady

Address:

1057 NE 20 Rd.

Telephone:

620-962-5226

Date:

4-8-11

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05/10/2011

JAMES A. COADY
1057 NE 20 RD
FREEPORT, KS 67049

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Sincerely,

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Mike Monnington
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



- If you previously/currently received carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4.
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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- ☒ Shopping Anthony, Wellington, Wichita, Harper
- ☒ Personal needs Anthony, Wichita
- ☒ Banking Anthony, Harper
- ☐ Employment _____
- ☒ Social needs Anthony, Wichita

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

There aren't any.

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: JACK F. COOPER

Address: 1084 S.E. 10 ROAD FREEPORT, KS 67049

Telephone: 620/962-5283

Date: 4-10-11

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JACK COOPER
1084 SE 10 ROAD
FREEPORT, KS 67049

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Mike Monnington
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



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☒ Shopping

Anthony, KS

☒ Personal needs

Anthony, KS

☒ Banking

Anthony, KS

☐ Employment

☒ Social needs

Anthony, KS

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Richard Rump

Address:

1053 E 44 Hwy, Freeport, KS 67049

Telephone:

NONE

Date:

4-11-11

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05/10/2011

RICHARD RUMP
1053 E 44 HWY
FREEPORT, KS 67049

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d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Pick up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Insured Mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp-collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☐ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☐ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☐ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☐ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

We work in Wichita

- If you previously/currently received carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4.
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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

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☒ Shopping

☐ Personal needs

☐ Banking

☒ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Since Post Office is only business left?

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: *PAUL & ROBERTA WILKINSON*

Address: *981 NE 30TH Freeport KS*

Telephone: *316 258-4348*

Date: *4/8/11*

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

I hate to lose our post office. Even though we work in Wichita we make a point to use Freeport. With the downturn the post office has taken since the internet its closing is not surprising. If there is additional carriers needed is it the same type of job as the Postmaster & Building Clerks?



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d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Pick up general delivery mail <i>N/A</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) *DIDN'T KNOW AVAILABLE* ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

If yes, please explain:

RETIRED ☐ YES ☒ NO

NOT ON A ROUTINE BASIS.

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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

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☒ Shopping

HARPER - Anthony - Wichita

☒ Personal needs SAME

" " "

☒ Banking

HARPER - ANTHONY

☐ Employment

RETIRED

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

BILL & CAROL PETERSON

Address:

PO Box 224

Telephone:

620-962-5211

Date:

Apr 17, 2011

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

BUSINESS MAIL That comes to our P.O. Box
ADDRESS INCLUDES: - FREEPORT CEMETERY ASSN
- HARPER COUNTY TOWNSHIP # 4
- CITY of FREEPORT
- FREEPORT COMMUNITY CENTER



05/10/2011

BILL & CAROL PETERSON

P O BOX 224
FREEPORT, KS 67049

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Nonpostal Services

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- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board

☐ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

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2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:



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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain: Packages are left unattended or you have to drive many miles to pick them up.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☐ Shopping

☒ Personal needs

☒ Banking

☐ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name:

Janet Brooks

Address:

PO Box 244 Freeport, KS 67049

Telephone:

(316) 253-3367

Date:

4-14-11

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05/10/2011

JANET BROOKS
P O BOX 244
FREEPORT, KS 67049

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Freeport Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.

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6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

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Other Postal Services

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Nonpostal Services

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- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

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☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- ☐ Shopping *Freeport is small & doesn't offer*
- ☐ Personal needs *shopping, banking so normally go*
- ☐ Banking *to Anthony, Ks*
- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No *the post office*

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name:

LA Greve

Address:

459 NE 90 Ave Freeport, Ks 67049

Telephone:

620-962-5443

Date:

4-15-11

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05/10/2011

GREVE

459 NE 90 AVE
FREEPORT, KS 67049

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Other Postal Services

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Nonpostal Services

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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ Worse

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☒ Shopping

☒ Personal needs

☒ Banking

☒ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name:

Sheryl Bellamy

Address:

878 NE 30 RD

Freeport, KS 67049

Telephone:

620-962-5435

Date:

4/23/11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



05/10/2011

SHERYL BELLAMY
878 NE 30 RD
FREEPORT, KS 67049

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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:



- If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive
3. Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery service compares to your current service?

☐ Better ☐ Just as Good ☐ No Opinion ☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping Anthony, Harper, Wellington, Wichita

☒ Personal needs Anthony, Wichita

☒ Banking Anthony, Harper

☐ Employment

☒ Social needs Wichita, Anthony

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: JACK F. COOPER

Address: 1054 S.E. 10 ROAD

Telephone: 620/962-5283

Date: 4-14-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



Mr. Jack F. Cooper
1084 SE 10 Rd.
Freeport, KS 67049

www.civilwar.org



Nike Nornington
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lookheed Court
Omaha, NE 68119-9500

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05/10/2011

JACK COOPER
1884 SE 10 RD
FREEPORT, KS 67049

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Freeport Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

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Sincerely,

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Mike Monnington
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

**Postal Service Customer Questionnaire**

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the FREEPORT Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing Letters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing Parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Pick up general delivery mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Insured Mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp-collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- If you previously/currently received carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4.
3. If you previously received Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery or PO Box service will compare to your previous service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☒ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping ANTHONY, KANSAS

☒ Personal needs ANTHONY, KANSAS, WICHITA, KS,

☒ Banking ANTHONY, KANSAS

☐ Employment UNEMPLOYED DISABLED

☒ Social needs ANTHONY WICHITA, KINGMAN KANSAS

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name: RICHARD E. STRICKLAND

Address: PO BOX 174 245 NE 100 AVE. FREEPORT, KS. 67049-0174

Telephone: (316)-299-3404

Date: 12 APRIL 2011

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



05/10/2011

RICHARD STRICKLAND
P O BOX 174
FREEPORT, KS 67049

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Mike Monnington
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- ☒ Shopping Winfield, Ark City, Wellington, Wichita
- ☒ Personal needs " " " "
- ☒ Banking Oxford
- ☐ Employment N.A.
- ☐ Social needs Winfield, Ark City, Wellington, Wichita

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name: Steve & Marj Swaim

Address: 1823 East 90th St. South

Telephone: _____

Date: 14 Apr. 11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



05/10/2011

STEVE & MARJ SWAIM
1873 E 90 ST SOUTH
FREEPORT, KS 67049

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Freeport Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

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Sincerely,

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Mike Monnington
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

Postal Service Customer Questionnaire Analysis

Questionnaires were distributed to all delivery customers of the FREEPORT Post Office on 04/07/2011. Additionally, during the survey period, questionnaires were available at the FREEPORT Post Office to walk-in retail customers.

1. **Number of Questionnaires**

Total questionnaires distributed	48
Favorable to proposal	0
Unfavorable to proposal	2
Expressing no opinion	12
Total questionnaires received	14

Postal Concerns

The following postal concerns were expressed

1. Concern (No Opinion):
No Concern
Response:
2. Concern (Unfavorable):
Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup
Response:
You expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.
3. Concern (Unfavorable):
No Concern
Response:

Nonpostal Concerns

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed

Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

Mike Monnington MPOO

Ron Reilly POD Coordinator

Date: 04/14/2011

Time 09:30 am

Total Number of Customers Present: 14

Place: Freeport City Hall

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Names of Customers Present:

[illegible]

Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

Mike Monnington MPOO

Ron Reilly POD Coordinator

Date: 04/14/2011

Time: 09:30 am

Total Number of Customers Present:

14

Place: Freeport City Hall

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Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address (optional)	Zip Code	Phone Number
"BILL" PETERSON	PO BOX 224	67049	
CAROL PETERSON	—	—	
Pat Coady	998 NEHOLD RD	67049	
Robert Adams		67049	
Bonnie STRICKLAND	PO BOX 174	67049	
RICHARD B. STRICKLAND	245 N 8100 AVE	67049	
Clyde Sharol Ghene	—	—	
Low Naisy BEAR DEWEESE			
Jim Brooks	PO BOX 244	67049	
Janet Brooks	PO BOX 244	67049	
Jim Robb	PO BOX 66	67036	
DICK BUSBY	602 N Anthony	67003	
Janis Knox			
Diana Busby	602 N Anthony	67003	

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Postal Service Customer Community Meeting Analysis

(categorize customer concerns as postal or nonpostal and provide the Postal Service response for each.)

Postal Concerns

1. Concern (UnFavorable):
Concern with Argonia KS being the administrative office
Response:
Contractually the Postal Service must honor the rural carrier's established territory.
2. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers were concerned about senior citizens
Response:
You expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or CBUs. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.
3. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service
Response:
You expressed a concern over the dependability of rural route service. Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously and arrive at boxes at about the same time each day.
4. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers were concerned about later delivery of mail
Response:
You expressed a concern about delivery time. A customer's location on a carrier's line of travel determines the time of day mail is delivered. This, of course, precludes providing early delivery of mail to every customer because, no matter how we structure a route, somebody must be last. We do, however, carefully consider the volume of mail for each route so that we can deliver the greatest amount of mail at the earliest possible hour. With the largest fleet of delivery vehicles in the world we must pay special attention to energy conservation measures, to minimize vehicle and fuel expenses. When the price of gasoline goes up one cent per gallon our total gasoline cost rises more than \$8 million. Therefore, when structuring a route, we must balance our goal to deliver as much mail as possible as early as possible with the need to minimize the travel distance a route must cover.
5. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages
Response:
You expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages. The rural carrier will accept any letters or packages for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate.
6. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customer expressed a concern about their 911 address
Response:
You expressed a concern about your 911 address. 911 addresses are generally given by the county's 911 coordinator. The Postal Service does not establish 911 addresses. Any questions concerning your 911 address should be directed to the county's 911 coordinator.
7. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers expressed concern about collection of outgoing mail
Response:
You expressed a concern about the collection of outgoing mail. Collection of mail will be made by the carrier when serving the route. The customer should raise the flag on the mailbox to alert the carrier that outgoing mail is to be collected from the mailbox.
8. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity
Response:

You expressed a concern about the loss of the Communities' identity. A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the suspended Post Office name and ZIP Code in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

9. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

You expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

10. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customer expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox

Response:

You also expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox. A questionnaire was sent to the postal inspection service concerning mail theft and vandalism in the suspended Post Office area. Their records indicate that there has not been any report of mail theft or vandalism in the area. However, customers may place a note in their mailboxes instructing the carrier to sound their horn when they arrive, in order to transact financial business.

11. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup

Response:

You expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.

12. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes

Response:

You expressed a concern that since the people of your community paid taxes the post office should remain open. The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.

13. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers felt the route should emanate from Harper because that office is closer

Response:

You expressed a question about where the route should emanate from. The delivery route has been carefully reviewed to ensure that the most cost-efficient service is provided. Although Harper KS is closer for some customers, Argonia KS is closer for others.

14. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers were concerned about a change of ZIP Code

Response:

You expressed a concern about a change of ZIP Code. The proposed change of the ZIP Code is necessary due to 911 addressing requirements.

15. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier

Response:

You were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier, retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

Nonpostal Concerns



04/07/2011

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way postal services are provided. Our tentative plans will only lead to a formal proposal if we are satisfied that a maximum degree of regular and effective service can be provided.

If you would like an opportunity to discuss alternatives with us, a postal representative will be at Freeport City Hall on 04/14/2011 from 09:30 am to 11:30 am to answer questions and provide information about our service.

If you have any questions, you may contact LeAnn Tvrdy at (402) 930-4431.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Monnington".

MIKE MONNINGTON
Manager, Post Office Operations



A. Office

Name: FREEPORT State: KS Zip Code: 67049
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 4th County: Harper
EAS Grade: 53 Finance Number: 193256
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 27. There was not a petition recieved.

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 05/10/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406

DISTRICT MANAGER
Central Plains Performance Cluster

DOCKET: 1435561 - 67049

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April 7, 2011

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
US House of Representatives
7701 E Kellogg Ste 510
Wichita KS 67207-1722

Dear Congressman Pompeo:

This letter is an informational notice of a Community Meeting to discuss a possible change to postal services currently being provided by the **Freeport KS Post Office**. You are invited to attend this Community Meeting to be held on **April 14, 2011**, from 09:30 am to 11:30 am at the **Freeport City Hall**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Rick Pivovar
A/District Manager
USPS-Central Plains Performance Cluster

Proposal Checklist

Section I

Responsiveness to Community Postal Needs

Tell what we are doing and why.

Is reason for discontinuance justified and documented in the record?

If suspended, what type of alternate service customers are now receiving?

Reason for vacancy and information on postmaster/OIC

Number of customers and type of service they received and will receive.

Hours of service, daily window transaction average, number of permit mailers, and postage meter users.

Last three fiscal years of revenue and revenue units.

Decline in service workload/reduction in EAS level, if appropriate.

Nearest Post Office, office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.

Administrative/emanating office — office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.

If the nearby/administrative Post Office has a different Post Office box fee schedule, this is stated in the proposal.

Preproposal activities — questionnaires: number of favorable, unfavorable and no opinion responses must equal the total number of questionnaires returned. List customer concerns and Postal Service responses.

Community meeting. Number of customers who attended, customer concerns, and Postal Service responses.

Information on petitions and congressional inquiries included with Postal Service responses.

Revised proposal states dates and locations the proposal was posted for 60 days. Number of comments received, customer concerns and Postal Service responses.

Advantages and disadvantages of proposed alternate service.

Any other pertinent information concerning Postal Service needs.

Section II

Effect on the Community

Brief background of area, community government, population, etc.

Number of businesses, religious institutions, schools, local government offices, social organizations, etc.

Was Post Office used as meeting place?

Was Post Office a shelter for a bus stop?

Did the Post Office have a public bulletin board?

Were government forms available at the Post Office?

Did the Post Office provide assistance to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.?

What is the historical value of the office?

Is an address change necessary?

Will the community identity be preserved?

What are the growth trends (flat, up, down)?

Were any other nonpostal items identified?

Section III

Effect on Employees

Paragraph explaining about postmaster vacancy/OIC/other career and noncareer employees of the office. If a postmaster or other employees are reassigned this must be explained and tell whether the reassignments are voluntary.

Section IV

Economic Savings

A statement of annual savings includes a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster salary (EAS-53, Minimum, no COLA)

Fringe benefits 33.5%

Rental costs, excluding utilities

Total annual costs

Less estimated cost of replacement service

Total annual savings

\$	15350
\$	5142
\$	1500
\$	21992
-	1243
\$	20749

A one-time expense of \$ 0 will be/was incurred for installation of CBUs and parcel lockers.

Is postmaster salary based on the minimum salary without COLA?

Does postmaster salary reflect the current office evaluation?

Section V

Other Factors

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration (if appropriate).

List other factors as appropriate.

Other factors when replacement service is a CPO.

Section VI

Summary

The proposal must include a brief summary that explains why the closing or consolidation is necessary and an assessment of how those factors supporting the need for change outweigh any negative factors. In taking competing considerations into account, the need to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service must be paramount.

Section VII

Notices

Appropriate notice is made that this is a proposal and not a final determination. If a final determination is made to discontinue the office, information on the appeal process will be provided at that time.

Checklist Completed By:

Investigative Coordinator

Date

Reviewed and Certified By:

District PO Review Coordinator

Date

07-14-2011

12/06/2011



07/14/2011

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW RM 10804
WASHINGTON DC 20260-3500

SUBJECT: Posting of the Proposal to Close
the FREEPORT Post Office
Docket No. 1435561

This is to advise you that on 07/26/2011, I will post for public comment a proposal to close the FREEPORT Post Office in Harper, Congressional District No. Kansas 4th.

If you have any questions, please call LEANN TVRDY District Review Coordinator at (402) 930-4431.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick Pivovar".

RICK PIVOVAR
District Manager
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC District

cc: Manager, Customer Service Operations
Area Manager, Public Affairs and Communications

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
Proposal



07/14/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of
FREEPORT Proposal
Docket No. 1435561 - 67049

Please post the enclosed proposal to close the FREEPORT Post Office in the lobby. The proposal must be posted in a prominent place from 07/26/2011 through close of business on 09/26/2011. The posting must last at least 60 days and the first day does not count.

Round-date stamp the cover of the proposal on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Also, post the "Invitation for Comments" next to the proposal and round-date stamp it in the same manner.

Additional copies of the proposal and comment forms are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

Also enclosed is the official record on which this proposal is based. Customers may read it; however, they may not remove it from your office. When a customer requests a copy of the record, provide it upon payment of any fees prescribed in AS-353 Guide to Privacy and the Freedom of Information Act. If you do not have photocopy equipment, take the customer's name, address, and telephone number and contact the district for a copy of the record.

At the expiration of the posting period, further instructions will be provided. If there are any questions, please contact me at (402) 930-4431.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leann TVRDY".

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC District

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
Proposal
Invitation for Comments
Comment Forms
Official Record

Date of Posting: 07/26/2011

Date of Removal: 09/26/2011

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE FREEPORT, KS POST OFFICE AND ESTABLISH SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

To the customers of the Freeport Post Office:

The Postal Service is considering the close of the Freeport Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

During the 60-day posting period from 07/26/2011 through 09/26/2011 you are invited to provide written comments. Comments will be most helpful if they offer specific opinions and information favorable or unfavorable regarding the potential effect of the proposed change on postal services and on the community. Your comments will be carefully considered and will be incorporated into the official record, which will be made public if the proposal is finalized.

Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Freeport Post Office and Argonia Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

LEANN TVRDY
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

For more information, you may call LEANN TVRDY at (402) 930-4431 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.



MIKE MONNINGTON
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

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Date of Posting: 07/26/2011

Posting Round Date:

Date of Removal: 09/26/2011

Removal Round Date:

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE FREEPORT, KS POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1435561 - 67049

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Freeport, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Argonia Post Office, located 10 miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster resigned on February 01, 2006. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: The Postmaster position is vacant. The office has realized a decline in workload and customer demand the last three years.

The Freeport Post Office, an EAS-53 level, provides service from 08:30 - 10:30 Monday - Friday, 08:30 - 10:30 Saturday and lobby hours of 08:30 - 16:30 on Monday - Friday and 08:30 - 16:30 on Saturday to eight post office box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged six transaction(s) accounting for seven minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$7,872 (21 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$7,093 (19 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$6,281 (16 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On April 14, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Freeport City Hall to answer questions and provide information to customers. 14 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 07, 2011, 48 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Freeport Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Freeport Post Office. 14 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 0 favorable, 2 unfavorable, and 12 expressed no opinion.

If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Argonia Post Office, an EAS-13 level office. Window service hours at the Argonia Post Office are from 08:00 12:30 -13:30 16:00, Monday through Friday, and 08:30 10:00 on Saturday. There are 251 post office boxes available.

The following concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petition, and from the congressional inquiry:

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MIKE MONNINGTON
Manager, Post Office Operations

07/26/2011
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEPORT Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.
2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.
3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date _____



09/26/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Instructions for Posting the "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration"

At the close of business on 09/26/2011 take down the "Proposal" and the "Invitation for Comments" from the lobby. Round-date stamp them upon removal and verify that the mandatory 60-day posting period was observed. The proposal and invitation for comments must be posted for at least 60 days, and the first day does not count.

On the same day, prominently post in the lobby the enclosed "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration." The notice should remain posted until you receive further notice from this office.

Please return the posted "Proposal," "Invitation for Comments," the official record, and any related discontinuance materials to this office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Leann TVRDY
LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500





A. Office

Name:	FREEPORT	State:	KS	Zip Code:	67049
Area:	WESTERN	District:	CENTRAL PLAINS PFC		
Congressional District:	Kansas 4th	County:	HARPER		
EAS Grade:	53	Finance Number:	193256		
Post Office:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Classified Station	<input type="checkbox"/>	Classified Branch	<input type="checkbox"/> CPO <input type="checkbox"/>

This form is a place holder for number 36. The round dated copies of the proposal have been received.

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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE FREEPORT, KS POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1435561 - 67049

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

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On April 14, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Freeport City Hall to answer questions and provide information to customers. 14 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 07, 2011, 48 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Freeport Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Freeport Post Office. 14 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 0 favorable, 2 unfavorable, and 12 expressed no opinion.

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Manager, Post Office Operations

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Date

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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE FREEPORT, KS POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
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DOCKET NUMBER 1435561 - 67049

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6. **Concern:**

Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service

Response:

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Customers felt the route should emanate from Harper because that office is closer

Response:

The customer expressed a question about where the route should emanate from. The delivery route has been carefully reviewed to ensure that the most cost-efficient service is provided. Although Harper KS is closer for some customers, Argonia KS is closer for others.

8. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about a change of ZIP Code

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about a change of ZIP Code. The proposed change of the ZIP Code is necessary due to 911 addressing requirements.

9. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about later delivery of mail

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about delivery time. A customer's location on a carrier's line of travel determines the time of day mail is delivered. This, of course, precludes providing early delivery of mail to every customer because, no matter how we structure a route, somebody must be last. We do, however, carefully consider the volume of mail for each route so that we can deliver the greatest amount of mail at the earliest possible hour. With the largest fleet of delivery vehicles in the world we must pay special attention to energy conservation measures, to minimize vehicle and fuel expenses. When the price of gasoline goes up one cent per gallon our total gasoline cost rises more than \$8 million. Therefore, when structuring a route, we must balance our goal to deliver as much mail as possible as early as possible with the need to minimize the travel distance a route must cover.

10. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier

Response:

The customer were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier, retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the

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SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

11. **Concern:**

You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBU's can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Freeport is an incorporated community located in Harper County. The community is administered politically by mayor and city council Freeport KS. Police protection is provided by the Harper County Sheriff. Fire protection is provided by the Anthony KS Fire Dept. The community is comprised of farm/ag related, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Freeport Presbyterian Church City of Freeport Rural Water District 4, Stargazer Lewelland Inc Wheatridge Inc Coady Farms Greve Farms Schmidt Farms . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Freeport Post Office will be available at the Argonia Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Argonia Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about their 911 address
Response: The customer expressed a concern about your 911 address. 911 addresses are generally given by the county's 911 coordinator. The Postal Service does not establish 911 addresses. Any questions concerning your 911 address should be directed to the county's 911 coordinator.
2. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity
Response: The customer expressed a concern about the loss of the Communities' identity. A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity. Your zip code and community name will not change.
3. **Concern:** Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes
Response: The customer expressed a concern that since the people of your community paid taxes the post office should remain open. The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or CBUs. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster resigned on February 01, 2006. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 20,749 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-53, No COLA)	\$ 15,350
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 5,142
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 1,500</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 21,992
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 1,243</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 20,749</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Freeport, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Argonia Post Office, located 10 miles away.

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The Freeport Post Office provided delivery and retail service to eight PO Box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged six. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

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Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Freeport Post Office and Argonia Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



MIKE MONNINGTON
Manager, Post Office Operations

07/26/2011
Date

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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Please return the comment form to:

LEANN TVRDY
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

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**NOTICE OF TAKING PROPOSAL AND COMMENTS
UNDER INTERNAL CONSIDERATION**

Date 09/26/2011

Postal Customers of the Freeport Post Office: The Postal Service appreciates receiving the views of those of you who submitted comments on the proposal to close the Freeport Post Office, which was posted 07/26/2011 through 09/26/2011. These comments will be considered carefully as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels within the Postal Service.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Monnington".

MIKE MONNINGTON
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
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Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEPORT Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

I run a small business located next door to the post office. Having recently opened the business there just for that reason. The nature of my business often has me on the road during certain times of the year. I have liked having the post office box (originally rented by my grandparents and then my father) to keep my mail while I am gone. While I understand that the post office can hold mail, having the box has been much more convenient for me and made

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

The post office has been a gathering point for quite some time. We get information, make connections. Our community has two businesses within the city limits: The First Presbyterian Church and Stargazer Trade and Storytelling. Closure of this post office will have a devastating effect on these businesses as the multitude of small farmers in the Freeport area.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Closing our post office and asking us to drive to Argonia for our mail is not only a hardship for some of us, but illogical as well. We do not go to Argonia for business or any other reason. We go to Anthony or Harper. To force us to go to Argonia for package/letter pickup would be an unnecessary

Jan Brooks

Name of Postal Customer

Jan Brooks

Signature of Postal Customer

PO Box 244

Mailing Address

Freeport, KS 67049

City, State, and ZIP Code

8-8-11

Date

trip and force us to go many miles out of our way for only that reason. At a time when our finances are tight and gas is too high, it wouldn't cost the post office any more to route our mail through Anthony, but would save us a great deal and create good will with people of the community if you did so.

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08/17/2011

JAN BROOKS
PO BOX 244
FREEPORT, KS 67049

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for taking the time to submit your comments to the proposal to close the Freeport Post Office. Your comments are appreciated and will be carefully considered, along with the comments of other customers, as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels of the Postal Service.

In response to your letter:

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I realize with change there is always concern. However we are confident that the alternate service listed in the proposal will continue to provide you with effective and regular service.
If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact LeAnn Tvrdy at (402) 930-4431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Monnington".

Mike Monnington
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



A. Office

Name: FREEPORT State: KS Zip Code: 67049
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 4th County: HARPER
EAS Grade: 53 Finance Number: 193256
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 39. There was not a premature appeal received.

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 10/18/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406

Analysis of 60-Day Posting Comments

Number of comments returned

Total questionnaires distributed	1
Favorable comments	0
Unfavorable comments	1
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Postal Concerns

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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
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The customer expressed a concern about delivery time. A customer's location on a carrier's line of travel determines the time of day mail is delivered. This, of course, precludes providing early delivery of mail to every customer because, no matter how we structure a route, somebody must be last. We do, however, carefully consider the volume of mail for each route so that we can deliver the greatest amount of mail at the earliest possible hour. With the largest fleet of delivery vehicles in the world we must pay special attention to energy conservation measures, to minimize vehicle and fuel expenses. When the price of gasoline goes up one cent per gallon our total gasoline cost rises more than \$8 million. Therefore, when structuring a route, we must balance our goal to deliver as much mail as possible as early as possible with the need to minimize the travel distance a route must cover.

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The customer were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier, retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

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Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Freeport is an incorporated community located in HARPER County. The community is administered politically by mayor and city council Freeport KS. Police protection is provided by the Harper County Sheriff. Fire protection is provided by the Anthony KS Fire Dept. The community is comprised of farm/ag related, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Freeport Presbyterian Church City of Freeport Rural Water District 4, Stargazer Lewelland Inc Wheatridge Inc Coady Farms Greve Farms Schmidt Farms . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Freeport Post Office will be available at the Argonia Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Argonia Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

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Response:

The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or CBUs. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster resigned on February 01, 2006. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 20,749 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-53, No COLA)	\$ 15,350
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Total Annual Costs	\$ 21,992
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 1,243</u>
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V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Freeport, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Argonia Post Office, located 10 miles away.

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Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Freeport Post Office and Argonia Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



MIKE MONNINGTON
Manager, Post Office Operations

07/26/2011
Date

U.S. Postal Service POST OFFICE CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL Fact Sheet				1. Date Prepared 04/07/2011																								
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POST

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Certification of the Record
FREEPORT
Docket Number 1435561 - 67049

This certifies that all comments and documents enclosed in the attached record are originals, or true and correct copies of the originals.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Pivovar", written over a horizontal line.

RICK PIVOVAR
District Manager

LOG OF POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS

Office Name, State, ZIP Code: FREEPORT, KS, 67049-9998
EAS Level: 53
District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
County: HARPER
Congressional District: Kansas 4th
Proposal: ☒ Close ☐ Consolidate
Reason For Proposed: resigned
Alternate Service Proposed: Rural Route Service
Customers Affected:
Post Office Box: 8
General Delivery: 0
Rural Route: 0
Highway Contract Route (HCR): 0
City Route: 0
Intermediate Rural: 0
Intermediate HCR: 0
Total number of customers: 8

Date	Action
	Office suspended. Reason suspended:
	Suspension notice sent to Headquarters.
02/01/2006	Postmaster vacancy occurred. Reason: resigned OIC: Career: 0 Noncareer: 0 Other Employees: 0
02/04/2011	District manager authorization to study.
04/07/2011	Questionnaires sent to customers. Number sent: 48 Number Returned: 14 Analysis: Favorable 0 Unfavorable 2 No Opinion 12
	Petition received. Number of signatures: 0 Concerns expressed: na
	Congressional inquiry received: No Concerns expressed: na
07/14/2011	Proposal and checklist sent to district for review.
07/14/2011	Government Relations and Retail Operations notified by district 10 days before the 60-day posting (PS Form 4920 attached).
07/14/2011	Proposal and invitation for comments posted and round-dated.
10/18/2011	Proposal and invitation for comments removed and round-dated. Comment Analysis: Favorable 0 Unfavorable 1 No Opinion 0 1
None	Premature PRC appeal received. Concerns expressed: na
04/07/2011	Updated PS Form 4920 completed (if necessary).
10/13/2011	Certification of the official record.
10/13/2011	District transmittal of official record to vice president, Delivery and Retail, and copy of transmittal letter to vice president, Area Operations.
10/17/2011	Headquarters logged in official record (option entry).
	Record returned to district for additional consideration.
	Record returned as not warranted.
10/27/2011	Final determination posted at affected office(s) and round-dated.
	Final determination removed and round-dated.
	Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement form sent to Headquarters.
	No appeals letter received from Headquarters.
11/30/2011	Appeal to PRC received.
	PRC opinion received on appeal: Affirmed: _____ Remanded: _____ USPS Withdrawn: _____
	Address management systems notified to updated AMS report.
	Discontinuance announced in Postal Bulletin No.: _____ Effective date: _____

Review Coordinator/person most familiar with the case:

LEANN TVRDY
Name/Title
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(402) 930-4431
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10/13/2011

VICE PRESIDENT, DELIVERY AND POST OFFICE OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA ROOM 5621
WASHINGTON DC 20260-5621

SUBJECT: Official Record

Enclosed for your review and approval is the official record to discontinue the Freeport Post Office.

All appropriate actions have been taken, and we have considered the concerns/comments of affected customers. The record has been thoroughly reviewed, and all necessary documentation is included. All documents in the record are numbered and contain docket and item numbers on each page and a chronological index of all documents in the record is included. Effective and regular service will be provided to community residents by permanently implementing the alternative service proposed.

Refer questions about this Post Office discontinuance to LeAnn Tvrdy, Post Office Review Coordinator, at (402) 930-4431 or Mike Monnington Manager Post Office Operations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick Pivovar".

RICK PIVOVAR
DISTRICT MANAGER
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

Enclosures:

One copy of record (<http://hqcsopps.usps.gov/public/dis/4E/P1435561.pdf>)

Headquarters acknowledgment of receipt of official record (optional)

Self-addressed envelope

cc: Vice President, WESTERN Area (no enclosures)

Headquarters Acknowledgment of Receipt of Official Record

The official record to consolidate the FREEPORT was received by 10/17/2011.
Please contact the Headquarters coordinator at (916) 916-8315 or the address below for additional information regarding its status.

475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW ROOM 6700
WASHINGTON DC 20260-6700

Enclosure: (self-addressed envelope)

***Note:** The acknowledgment form is optional and to be used at the district's discretion. Please provide the following memorandum **and** **and a self-addressed return envelope** if you wish to receive an acknowledgment of Headquarters receipt of the record.

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Date of Posting: 10/27/2011

Date of Removal: 11/28/2011

FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE
THE FREEPORT, KS POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1435561 - 67049

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is issuing the final determination to close the Freeport, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Argonia Post Office, located 10 miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster resigned on February 01, 2006. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office was studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: The Postmaster position is vacant. The office has realized a decline in workload and customer demand the last three years.

The Freeport Post Office, an EAS-53 level, provides service from 08:30 - 10:30 Monday - Friday, 08:30 - 10:30 Saturday and lobby hours of 08:30 - 16:30 on Monday - Friday and 08:30 - 16:30 on Saturday to eight post office box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged six transaction(s) accounting for seven minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$7,872 (21 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$7,093 (19 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$6,281 (16 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On April 14, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Freeport City Hall to answer questions and provide information to customers. 14 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 07, 2011, 48 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Freeport Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Freeport Post Office. 14 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 0 favorable, 2 unfavorable, and 12 expressed no opinion.

When this final determination is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Argonia Post Office, an EAS-13 level office. Window service hours at the Argonia Post Office are from 08:00 12:30 -13:30 16:00, Monday through Friday, and 08:30 10:00 on Saturday. There are 251 post office boxes available.

The proposal to close the Freeport Post Office was posted with an invitation for comment at the Freeport Post Office and Argonia Post Office from July 26, 2011 to September 26, 2011. The following additional concerns were received during the proposal posting period:

1. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.

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Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations

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MEMO TO THE RECORD

FREEPORT KS

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Due to Operational Changes the Administrative Office has been changed to Anthony instead of Argonia due to the reason below.

From: Monnington, Michael P - Wichita, KS
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2011 10:27 AM
To: Reilly, Ronald L - Columbus, NE
Subject: Freeport Consolidation

The splitting of the vacant Argonia route went into effect the end of August right before Rural Mail Count... P O Box deliveries will go to the rural route out of Anthony.

Michael P. Monnington
Mgr, Post Office Operations Area E



10/27/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER
Freeport Post Office

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of the Freeport Post Office Final Determination
Docket No. 1435561 - 67049

Please post in the lobby the enclosed final determination to close the Freeport Post Office. The final determination must be posted in a prominent place from 10/27/2011 through close of business on 11/28/2011. It must be posted for at least 30 days and the first day does not count. Additionally, please take down the posted "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments under Internal Consideration" and return to this office.

Round-date stamp the cover of the final determination on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Please send the final determination to me by close of business on 11/29/2011.

Additional copies of the final determination are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

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If there are any questions, please contact me at (402) 930-4431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leann K. TVRDY".

LEANN TVRDY
POST OFFICE REVIEW COORDINATOR
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

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Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service

Response:

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8. Concern:

Customers felt the route should emanate from Harper because that office is closer

Response:

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9. Concern:

Customers were concerned about a change of ZIP Code

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about a change of ZIP Code. The proposed change of the ZIP Code is necessary due to 911 addressing requirements.

10. Concern:

Customers were concerned about later delivery of mail

Response:

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Response:

Customers expressed concern about collection of outgoing mail

The customer expressed a concern about the collection of outgoing mail. Collection of mail will be made by the carrier when serving the route. The customer should raise the flag on the mailbox to alert the carrier that outgoing mail is to be collected from the mailbox.

7. Concern:

Response:

Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service

The customer expressed a concern over the dependability of rural route service. Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously and arrive at boxes at about the same time each day.

8. Concern:

Response:

Customers felt the route should emanate from Harper because that office is closer

The customer expressed a question about where the route should emanate from. The delivery route has been carefully reviewed to ensure that the most cost-efficient service is provided. Although Harper KS is closer for some customers, Argonia KS is closer for others.

9. Concern:

Response:

Customers were concerned about a change of ZIP Code

The customer expressed a concern about a change of ZIP Code. The proposed change of the ZIP Code is necessary due to 911 addressing requirements.

10. Concern:

Customers were concerned about later delivery of mail

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The customer expressed a concern about delivery time. A customer's location on a carrier's line of travel determines the time of day mail is delivered. This, of course, precludes providing early delivery of mail to every customer because, no matter how we structure a route, somebody must be last. We do, however, carefully consider the volume of mail for each route so that we can deliver the greatest amount of mail at the earliest possible hour. With the largest fleet of delivery vehicles in the world we must pay special attention to energy conservation measures, to minimize vehicle and fuel expenses. When the price of gasoline goes up one cent per gallon our total gasoline cost rises more than \$8 million. Therefore, when structuring a route, we must balance our goal to deliver as much mail as possible as early as possible with the need to minimize the travel distance a route must cover.

11. Concern:

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier

Response:

The customer were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier, retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

12. Concern:

You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural and contract carriers may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Freeport is an incorporated community located in HARPER County. The community is administered politically by mayor and city council Freeport KS. Police protection is provided by the Harper County Sheriff. Fire protection is provided by the Anthony KS Fire Dept. The community is comprised of farm/ag related and those who commute to work at nearby communities and may work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Freeport Presbyterian Church City of Freeport Rural Water District 4, Stargazer Lewelland Inc Wheatridge Inc Coady Farms Greve Farms Schmidt Farms . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Freeport Post Office will be available at the Argonia Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Argonia Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

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| 1. Concern: | Customer expressed a concern about their 911 address |
| Response: | The customer expressed a concern about your 911 address. 911 addresses are generally given by the county's 911 coordinator. The Postal Service does not establish 911 addresses. Any questions concerning your 911 address should be directed to the county's 911 coordinator. |
| 2. Concern: | Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity |
| Response: | The customer expressed a concern about the loss of the Communities' identity. A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity. Your zip code and community name will not change. |
| 3. Concern: | Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes |
| Response: | The customer expressed a concern that since the people of your community paid taxes the post office should remain open. The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers. |
| 4. Concern: | Customers were concerned about senior citizens |

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or CBUs. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster resigned on February 01, 2006. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 20,749 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-53, No COLA)	\$ 15,350
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 5,142
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 1,500</u>
	\$ 21,992
Total Annual Costs	<u>- \$ 1,243</u>
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 20,749</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

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VI. SUMMARY

This is the final determination to close the Freeport, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Argonia Post Office, located 10 miles away.

The postmaster resigned on February 01, 2006. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. The workload has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by rural route service.

The Freeport Post Office provided delivery and retail service to eight PO Box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged six. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a Post Office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$20,749 annually. A disadvantage to some will be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this final determination is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this final determination is based are available for public inspection at the Freeport Post Office and Argonia Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. Appeal Rights. This final determination to close the Freeport Post Office may be appealed by any person served by that office to the Postal Regulatory Commission at 901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20268-0001. Appeals must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the date this final determination is posted. If an appeal is filed, copies of appeal documents prepared by the Postal Regulatory Commission or the parties to the appeal will be made available for public inspection at Freeport Post Office and Argonia Post Office during normal office hours.



Dean J Granholm
Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations

10/24/2011

Date

**Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement Form
Final Determination 30-Day Posting Dates**

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Post Office Final Determination Posting Dates*

Date posted: 10/27/2011

Date removed: 11/28/2011

No. of days posted: 32

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Actual discontinuance date: 01/07/2012

Official discontinuance date:

(Headquarters entry):

Note: Unless otherwise stated, the official discontinuance date listed in the Postal Bulletin is the first Saturday that falls 60 days after the final determination is posted. For a community Post Office, classified station, or classified branch, the discontinuance date is 60 days after the Headquarters approval date.

**BEFORE CHANGE
POST OFFICE INFORMATION**

Post Office

Name and State: FREEPORT, KS

ZIP Code: 67049-9998 Finance no: 193256

Type of discontinuance:

Consolidate () Close (X)

Type of discontinued facility

Post Office (X)

Classified Station () Branch () MAIN_PO

Community Post Office (CPO) ()

Coordinator name: LEANN TVRDY

Telephone: (402) 930-4431

**AFTER CHANGE
POST OFFICE INFORMATION**

Administrative

Post Office: ARGONIA

ZIP Code: 67004-9998 Finance no: 190407

Original name retained? Yes (X) No ()

New last line of customer address is:

FREEPORT KS,67049

Type of replacement service

Post Office (X)

Classified Station () Branch ()

Contract Unit () Community Post Office (CPO) ()

Date:

(Location) District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

Mailing instructions for independent Post Office discontinuance. When the final determination is removed, send the round-dated front cover showing the posting dates and three copies of this *Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement* form to:

RETAIL OPERATIONS

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW ROOM 6806

WASHINGTON DC 20260-6806

The announcement cannot be made in the Postal Bulletin unless this form is submitted to the above address. Do not send directly to Address Management, Postal Service Headquarters.

Mailing instructions for CPO/classified station/classified branch discontinuance. Immediately submit three copies of this announcement form to the above address. For nonsuspended offices, enclose a copy of the letter sent to customers notifying them of the discontinuance.

For more information, call (202) 268-5083.

Headquarters entry: () RR () KR

*Final determination posting is not required for CPO, classified station, or classified branch discontinuance.

Final determination for an independent Post Office must be posted for at least 30 days.

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RE: DOCKET No: 1435561-67049

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION

Dear Postal Regulatory Commission:

I am appealing the 'Final Determination' to close the Freeport, KS Post office & establish a Rural Route per the above Docket No.

Retail Services that we receive now can not be duplicated by the service suggested by the ^{Postal} Service. A 13 or 11 or 16 mile trip one way must be made by the patrons in order to duplicate this service.

The above document is not factual: the last postmaster resigned in 1992. She, Mary Armstrong Semer as Post Master for 50 years here at Freeport.

The above document states "when this final determination is implemented, delivery ~~and~~ retail services will be provided by the Argonia P.O." This service is now being ~~is~~ provided by the Anthony P.O. NOT ARGONIA. This change has been in effect for two months. This was a positive move for our area.

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I would ask that the document
1435561-67049 be updated by
postal personnel to its current status
before the closing of our Freeport P.O.
that has provided over 125 years
of service to our community.

Our Freeport Post office deserves
to go down in history with the
CORRECT DATA.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Peter

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P.O. Box 224

FREEPORT, KS 67049-0224

Thank you for your time and help
in this matter.